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**RESPONSE TO THE NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS AND
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

On March 30, 2005, Applicant concurrently filed with the present application, *inter alia*, an English translation of the application, reflecting amendments to the claims, made to remove multiple dependencies; however, Applicant should have submitted originally-filed claims 1-4, instead of different claims (numbered 1-8, rather than originally-filed claims 1-4). Rather, new claims 1-8 should have been submitted in a Preliminary Amendment. Thus, Applicants erroneously failed to submit originally-filed claims 1-4 on March 30, 2005 together with the application.

Thus, submitted herewith is an English translation of the International Application as originally filed containing originally-filed claims 1-4, which is to replace the English translation filed with the present application on March 30, 2005. Also submitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment containing previous

claims 1-8, which were erroneously filed with the English translation on March 30, 2005.

If there should be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.